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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: BAILEY et al  
Serial No.: 10/009,296  
Filed: April 3, 2002  
For: Apparatus And Method For Wrapping Articles,  
Particularly Groups Of Cigarettes  
Art Unit: 1733  
Examiner: B. Musser

**PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop: Amendment (Fee)  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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December 30, 2004

Sir:

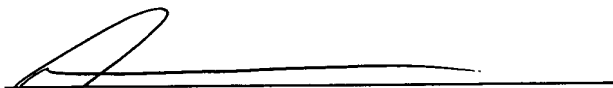
In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the third month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed June 30, 2004.

A payment in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 912.40950X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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